

**The Parish Churches of  
St Peter's Henfield with  
St Giles' Shermanbury  
and St Peter's Woodmancote.**



**Holy Communion**

*A Sunday Morning Service  
of Holy Communion for use at home.*

## Gathering to Worship God

*We begin our worship by greeting each other in the Lord's name.*

In the name of the Father;  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Introduction

*Some words of introduction are said.*

*We pray the **Prayer of Preparation***

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of penitence

*We are invited to call to mind our sins with the following words or a seasonal introduction:*

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*(We keep a short period of silence)*

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*We are assured of God's forgiveness in the prayer of absolution:*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, + pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We sing the Gloria:*

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love Him well.**

**On the earth let all His people,  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's King  
Hear our joyful adoration,  
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,  
lamb who takes our sins away.  
Now with him in triumph seated,  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray.  
Jesu Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone.  
In the glory of the Father,  
with the Spirit, three-in-one!**

Words: Michael Perry (b.1942) reproduced by permission  
Music: "Ode to joy" Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

*The priest prays the words of **The Collect.***

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

*at the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord:

*All: **Thanks be to God***

## The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ....

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*We hear a short sermon, homily, or reflection.*

## The Creed

*We respond by affirming our faith in the historic words of the Nicene Creed.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers of Intercession are offered.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The following words or an alternative seasonal introduction may be used:*

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**All: Amen**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*A seasonal preface or the following words are used.*

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest:**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Giles and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.  
**All: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*We say the Agnus Dei:*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The priest receives communion on behalf of the people.*

*During this time, you may like to pray one of the following prayers.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

*You might then add one or more of the following prayers:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.

Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.

Hear my prayers for others and for myself,

and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful; in these days of challenge,  
make us stronger in you; in these days of emptiness, take possession of us; in these  
days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross. Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The priest prays the post-communion prayer.*

A **Hymn** may be sung

## **The Blessing**

*The following is or an alternative seasonal blessing may be used:*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in  
the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the  
blessing of God almighty the + Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you  
and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

We hope you have enjoyed worshipping with us this morning.